# JOYFUL NEVVS OF THE KINGS MAIESTIES SAFE Arrivall in the ISLE of VVHEIGHT

with Mr. *John Ashburnham*, and Sir *John Barclay*.

WITH

*His Majesties Propositions to Collonell* Hamond the Governour: Confirmed by Letters from the Governour and others.

*And two Messengers come to the* Parliament *about it.*

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## Also Foure LETTERS:

*One of which His Majesty received from* London, *and* three written by His Majesties own Hands: The first to *Col:* Whaley, *the second to the Lord* Mountague, *and the third* A Declaration to all His Majesties Subjects of both Kingdomes; Concerning his going away, with His Majesties desires to the Parliament, the Army, and the Kingdomes.

With a perfect Narrative of the manner of his Majesties going *from HamptonCourt, and the severall circumstances both before & after.*

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# A Letter from *Hampton-Court*, of the manner of His Majesties departure.

*Right Honourable,*

YEsterday the Scotch Commissioners were with his Majesty, and Mr. *Cheesly* (newly come from *Scotland* with them) & had audience; Sir *Edward Ford*, Sir *John Bartlet*, Mr. *John Ashburnham*, and Mr. *Denham*, had lately passes to goe beyond the Seas: This day his Majesty was not so pleasant at dinner as usually, and spent most part of this day in writing in the Bed-chamber privately with himself only: About four a clocke at night, his Majesty called for lights, Mr. *Maud* (then newly come from *London* carried in candles, a while after his Majesty called for snuffers: Some desired to speake with his Majesty, but his Majesty refused, desiring to be private; one of the Commissioners knocked againe, his Majesty said hee was busie, and desired to be private, and that he would nor sup that night: After supper one of them knocking, his Majesty answered not; then the Commissioners went in, and Collonel *Whalley*, and found his Majesties cloake there and foure letters lying on the table (the copies whereof I have sent your Lordship here inclosed) his Majesty being gone in his shooes and stockings, it was supposed he might be in the garden, downe the backe stares; but it seems his Majesty was gone through the garden and parke, and so away, some thinke for *Scotland*, others for *London*, some for *Jersey*: others (which is more probable) to the Isle of Whight: some Gentlemen passed this night over *Kingston* bridge, supposed to be his Majesty, with Sir *Edward Ford*, Sir *John Bartlet*, Mr. *Ashburnham*, and Mr. *Denham*. Messengers are sent out, and ports to be stopped. My Lord, in haste I conclude my selfe,

Your Lordships humble servant,

*Hampton-Court* *Edward Heland.*
*Nov.* 11. 1147.

# A Letter which His Majesty received from *London*, left upon the table in his Majesties Chamber.

*May it please your Majesty,*

IN discharge of my duty, I cannot omit to acquaint you that my brother was at a meeting last night with eight or nine Adjutators, who in debate of the obstacle which did most hinder the speedy effecting of their designes, did conclude, it was your Majesty, and so long as your Majesty doth live, you would be so, and therefore resolved for the good of the Kingdome to take your life away; and that to that account they were assured that Mr. *Del* and Mr. *Peters* (two of their creatures) would willingly beare them company, for they had often said to these Adjutators, your Majesty is but a dead dog: My prayers are for your Majesties safety, but do much fear, it cannot be whilst you are in those hands.

I wish with my soul your Majesty were at my house in *Broadstreet*, where I am confident I could keep you private till this storme were over, but beg you Majesties pardon, and shall not presume to offer it as advice; It is my constant zeale to your service, who am

Your Majesties dutifull subject

9. *Novem.* 1647. *E. R.*

To yo sacred Majesty.

## His Majesties Letter to Collonel Whaley, Commander in chiefe of the Forces at Hampton-Court for His Majesties guard, left upon the table in his Majesties Chamber.

Collonel *Whaley*,

I Have been so civilly used by you, and Major *Huntington*, that I cannot but by this parting farewell, acknowledge it

under my hand, as also to desire the continuance of your courtesie, by your protecting of my household and moveables of all sorts, which I leave behinde me in this house, that they be neither spoyled nor imbezelled; only there are three Pictures here which are not mine, that I desire you to restore, to wit, my wives Picture in blue, sitting in a chaire you must send to Mrs. *Kirk*; my eldest daughters picture copied by *Belcam*, to the Countesse of *Anglesey*; and my Lord *Stanops* picture to *Cary Rawley*; there is a fourth which I had almost forgot, it is the originall of my eldest daughter (it hangs in this chamber over the board next to the chimney) which you must send to my Lady *Obigney*. So being confident that you wish my preservation and restitution, I rest

Your Friend,

*Hampton Court* the 11. of *Novem.* 1647. CHARLES REX.

*I assure you that it was not the Letter you shewed me to day, that made me take this resolution, nor any advertisements of that kinde: but I confesse that I am loath to be made a close prisoner under pretence of securing my life; I had almost forgot to desire you to send the blacke grewe Bitch to the Duke of* Richmond.

## His Majesties Letter to the Lord *Mountague*, one of the Commissioners from the Parliament attending his Majesty at *Hampton-Court*, left in his Majesties Bed-chamber on the table.

*Mountague*,

FIrst, I doe hereby give you and the rest of your fellowes thanks for the civillities and good conversation that I have had from you. Next I command you to send this my Message (which you will finde upon this table) to the two Houses of Parliament, and likewise to give a copy of it to Col. *Whaley*, to be sent to the Generall; likewise I desire you to send all my saddle horses to my son the Duke of *Yorke*.

As for what concerns the resolution that I have taken, my declaratory Message saves so much, that I refer you to it, and so rest,

Your assured Friend,

*Hampton-Court* the 11th *Novem.* 1647. CHARLES REX.

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## *Declaration by the Kings Majesty, left upon the Table in his Majesties Bed-chamber.*

Liberty being that which in all times hath been, but especially now, is the common Theame, and desire of all men. Common reason shewes that Kings lesse then any should indure captivity, and yet I call God and the world to witnesse, with what patience I have indured a tedious restraint, which so long as I had any hopes that this sort of my sufferings might conduce to the Peace of my Kingdome, or the hindering of more effusion of blood; I did willingly undergoe: But now finding by too certaine proofes, that this my continued patience would not onely turne to my personall ruine, but likewise be of much more prejudice than furtherance to the publique good:

I thought I was bound, as well by naturall as politicall obligations to seek my safety; by retiring my selfe for some time from the publique view, both of my friends and enemies. And I appeale to all indifferent men,

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to judge if I have not juſt cauſe to free my ſelfe from the hands of thoſe who change their principles with their condition, and who are not aſhamed openly to intend the deſtruction of the Nobility, by taking away their negative voice, and with whom the levellers doctrin is rather countenanced then puniſhed.

And as for their intentions to my perſon, their changing and putting more ſtrict guards upō me, with the diſcharging moſt of all thoſe ſervants of mine, who formerly they willingly admitted to wait upon me, doth ſufficiently declare: Nor would I have this my retirement miſ-interpreted, for I ſhall earneſtly and inceſſantly endeavour the ſetling of a ſafe and well-grounded peace, where ever I am, or ſhall be; And that (as much as may be) without the effuſion of more Chriſtian blood, for which how many times have I deſired, preſt to be heard, and yet no eare given to me.

And can any reaſonable men think that (according to the ordinary courſe of affaires) there can be a ſettled peace without it; or that God will bleſſe thoſe who refuſe to heare their owne King, ſurely not?

Nay I muſt further adde, That (beſides what concerns my ſelfe) unleſſe all other cheife intereſts have not only an hearing,

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but likewiſe juſt ſatisfaction given unto them, (to wit the *Preſbyterians*, *Independents*; *Army*, thoſe who have adhered to mee, even the *Scots*) I ſay there cannot (I ſpeake not of miracles, it being of my opinion, a ſinfull preſumption, in ſuch caſes to expect or truſt to them) be a ſafe or laſting peace.

Now as I cannot deny but that my perſonall ſecurity is the urgent cauſe of this my retirement, ſo I take God to witneſſe that the publique peace is no leſſe before mine eyes; And I can finde no better way to expreſſe this my profeſſion (I know not what a wiſer man may do) then by deſiring, and urging that all cheif intereſts may be heard, to the end each may have juſt ſatisfaction, as for example, the Army: for the reſt (though neceſſary yet I ſuppoſe are not difficult to content) ought (in my judgement) to enjoy the liberty of their Conſciences, have an Act of Oblivion, or Indemnity (which ſhould extend to all the reſt of my Subjects;) And that all their Arreares ſhould be ſpeedily and duly payed, which I will undertake to doe, ſo I may bee heard. And that I be not hindred from uſing ſuch lawfull and honeſt meanes, as I ſhall chooſe.

To conclude, let mee be heard with freedome, honour, and ſafety, and I ſhall (inſtantly) break through this cloud of retirement, and ſhew my ſelfe really to be *Pater Patriæ*.

*For the Speaker of the Lords*, pro tempore, *to be communicated to the Lords and Commons in the Parliament of* England *at* Weſtminſter, *and the Commiſſioners of the Parliament of* Scotland: *And to all my other Subjects of what degree or calling whatſoever.*

*Dated at* Hampton Court, *the* 11. *of* Novem. 1647. *Charles Rex.*

SIR,

THis morning Mr. *Iohn Ashburnham*, came hither to Collonel *Hammond*, and (accidentally) met him going from the Castle to the Church: The Governour was much startled to see him there, and ask'd what he did there? he said to speake with him: The Governour ask'd if he was going over into *France*? hee said no; why then (said Collonel *Hammond* our Governour) what is it that makes you here? Mr. *Ashburnham* then said that the King was hard by, and desired him to goe to his Majesty, for the King (being in danger of his life, he said) was come thither to cast himselfe upon him for protection, untill the pleasure of both Houses of Parliament shall bee made knowne therein.

Collonel *Hammond* our Governour went to a little Village by the Sea, where his Majesty, and Mr. *Ashburnham*, and Sir *John Bartlet* had been that night, for they landed Friday night about eight a clock, and that night his Majesty, and they are returned, and his Majesty lyes at a private house neare the Castle: As to this effect, the Governour himselfe, hath written letters to the Parliament. I rest,

Your humble servant,

*Carisbrooke Castle in the Ile of Wight, Novemb. the 13. 1647.* *William Crosse.*

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